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NEW PEACE CONGRESS

Official Notes on the Subject
Given Out.

THE CZAR'S PROPOSAL

CORDIAL RESPONSE BY THE
PRESIDENT.

Announces That He Gladly Welcomes
the Russian Emperor's Offer to
Reconvene the Powers.

Official correspondence on the subject of the proposed second peace conference was made public at the State Department yesterday. It includes the following unsigned memorandum handed to President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay by Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador:

"Russian Imperial Embassy, Washington, September 13, 1905.

"In view of the termination, with the cordial co-operation of the President of the United States, of the war and of the conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan, his majesty the emperor, as initiator of the international peace conference of 1899, holds that a favorable moment has now come for the further development and for the systematizing of the labors of that international conference, which could be called together and being assured in advance of the sympathy of President Roosevelt, who has already last year pronounced himself in favor of such a project, his majesty desires to approach him with a proposal to the effect that the government of the United States take part in a new international conference, which could be called together at The Hague as soon as favorable replies could be secured from all the other states to which a similar proposal will be made. As the course of the late war has given rise to a number of questions which are of the greatest importance and closely related to the acts of the first conference, the plenipotentiaries of Russia at the future meeting will lay before the conference a detailed program which could serve as a starting point for its deliberations."

The President's Response.
Another part of the correspondence is

the following unsigned memorandum handed by the President at the White House Thursday night to Baron Rosen:

"October 12, 1905.

"On the 13th of last month, at Sagamore Hill, his excellency the ambassador of Russia presented to the President a memorandum, being a message from his majesty the tsar to the President, to the effect that in view of the termination, with the cordial co-operation of the President, of the war and of the conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan, his majesty the emperor, as initiator of the international peace conference of 1899, holds that a favorable moment has now come for the further development and for the systematizing of the labors of that international conference, which could be called together and being assured in advance of the sympathy of the President, who last year pronounced himself in favor of such a project, his majesty desires to approach him with a proposal to the effect that the government of the United States take part in a new international conference, which could be called together at The Hague as soon as favorable replies could be secured from all the other states to which a similar proposal will be made."

"The Secretary of State, by direction of the President, has the honor to confirm to his excellency the ambassador of Russia the assurances which the President had the sincere pleasure to give to his excellency at the time of the presentation of the memorandum of September 13. The President's circulars to the powers to the acts of the Hague conference, which the late Secretary of State communicated to the several signatory states through the American envoys accredited thereto, dated, respectively, October 21 and December 16 of last year, have demonstrated the President's keen desire that upon a favorable occasion the labors of the first international peace conference might be supplemented and completed by an accord to be reached by a second conference of the powers.

"The suggestion so put forth having been accepted in principle by the signatories, it only remained for the opportune moment to come for the powers to agree upon the place and time for their renewed assemblage in order to perfect the beneficial agreements of the first conference.

"The President most gladly welcomes the offer of his imperial majesty to again take upon himself the initiation of the steps requisite to convene a second international peace conference, as the necessary sequence to the first conference, brought about through his majesty's efforts, and in view of the cordial responses to the President's suggestion of October 1904, he doubts not that the project will meet with complete acceptance and that the result will be to the satisfaction of all the powers."

"As respects the further statement of his excellency's memorandum of September 13, that, as the late war has given rise to a number of questions which are of the

greatest importance and closely related to the acts of the first conference, the plenipotentiaries of Russia, at the future meeting, will lay before the conference a detailed program which could serve as a starting point for its deliberations, the President finds it in consonance with the indications of his circular of October 21, 1904, touching the questions to come before a second conference for discussion, and the importance of completing the work of the first conference by ample exchange of views, and it is to be hoped, full concord upon the broad questions specifically relegated by the final act of The Hague to the consideration of a future conference."

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CRUSADE AGAINST USURY.

Commissioner Warner Proposes to Stamp It Out of His Bureau.

Commissioner Warner of the pension bureau has started a crusade against the money-lending associations in his bureau, and declares that he will stamp them out of that branch of the government service. In pursuance of this resolve he has cited six officers of such associations now existing in the bureau to show cause why they should not be dismissed. He has given them three days in which to present their answers. The time will expire Monday, and he expects to give the offenders a hearing. The associations against which the ire of the commissioner is directed were organized for the benefit of clerks who at times need extra money. The rates of interest charged run from 5 to 10 per cent a month. The organization is similar to the "syndicates" which exist in many of the government departments and numerous private business concerns. The clerks organize themselves as a "lend money in sums to suit, taking orders on the salaries of the borrowers. Sometimes clerks become so hopelessly involved with the organizations that their salaries are mortgaged for months in advance.

Detective Horne's Services Enlisted. Edward Horne, a local detective of the police department, will leave today for Raleigh, N. C., to be present at the state fair, which is to be held there the first four days of the week. The familiarity with crooks which Detective Horne possesses has led to his being asked to be present to guard the people who will attend this fair.

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Nearly half a century of active business life in Washington and the same length of time a reader of The Evening Star and an advertiser in its columns is the record of Mr. Simon Heller, one of the District's substantial merchants, whose establishment is at 720 7th street northwest.

From Market space Mr. Heller moved to his present location, 720 7th street, where he began the business of dealing in hair brads and waves, the making of combs into switches, hair dyeing, cutting, shampooing and bleaching—in fact, every branch pertaining to the hair trade, always keeping it is said, the largest stock of hair goods in the city. That he has made a success of his business is evidenced by the retention of the patronage of those now in old age, who became customers of his establishment when they were emerging from childhood.

Talks of Business Career. Mr. Simon Heller, still vigorous and spry, talked interestingly about his business career to a Star reporter last night.

"Yes," he said, "I have been a subscriber to, and an advertiser in, The Evening Star for nearly fifty years, and I have always found it to be a paying investment. The Star has become almost a part of my life."

Mr. Heller was born in Bretzfeld, Germany, in 1829, and came to this country when but fifteen years of age. He lived in Richmond, Va., a few years, and in 1854, just before coming to Washington, he married Miss Sarah Wach, a Baltimore belle.

"On August 17 next, if we are spared," said Mr. Heller, "we will celebrate our golden wedding anniversary."

Mr. Heller has been a member of B. B. French Lodge, F. A. M., and Lafayette Lodge, B. A. M., since 1890 and is the oldest member of Central Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F. He recalls many interesting war-time memories of the salaried army time remitted for service in the army four times within two weeks, but was excused each time because of his physical condition at that time.

Early in his business career Mr. Heller adopted as his motto "fair and honorable dealing with all," and this, with his push and energy, formed the foundation of which he built a successful commercial career.

Descriptive of Winter Excursions. A pleasing little booklet is that issued by the Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company in describing winter excursions over their "Queen of Sea Routes." On opposite pages in the front of the book the company shows "One of the First" and "One of the Present"—the former being a picture of one of its steamers in use in 1854, and the latter one of its up-to-date liners. Old Point Comfort, Norfolk, Savannah and other attractive cities and resorts along the coast are treated after a fashion most likely to turn the thoughts of tourists from wintry to sunny climes.

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CONVICTED AND SENTENCED.

John W. Davis Sent to Penitentiary for Term of Four Years.

Detectives Baur, Parham and O'Brien of the local detective bureau have returned from Leesburg, Va., where they went as witnesses in the case of John W. Davis, whom they arrested here April 27 last on a charge of grand larceny. Late last evening the jury rendered a verdict of guilty and made the sentence in the case four years in the penitentiary.

Davis was a driver of a stage running from the railroad at Leesburg to Middleburg, Va., where he lived. Among other things he handled the packages forwarded by the Southern Express Company between the two points. One day inquiry was made at the office of the company for a package, the statement being made that it had been shipped over the Southern Express Company. It could not be found. Davis had been away for a few days, and it was learned that he was in Washington. The local police were notified, and after the police here had located the lost property where it had been sold they found and arrested Davis. He was turned over to the Leesburg authorities immediately.

His defense in the case was that he found the silverware on the road and did not know to whom it belonged.

INFORMAL SMOKER.

Secretary Taft a Guest at University Club Function.

An informal smoker was held last night at the University Club, 930 16th street. Secretary Taft, president of the club, addressed the members, of whom several hundred were present.

The Secretary spoke of the exceptional pleasures of his late trip to the Philippines, and paid a particular tribute to oriental cooking. Japanese, Chinese and Filipino all had their attention. C. K. Berryman made sketches of the Secretary and other political personages and was received with great applause. Refreshments were served and music and anecdote kept the rooms crowded until late. The smoker was the first given Saturday night in the history of the present season.

HIS OWN DETECTIVE.

Sergeant Wilson Causes Arrest of His Servant Girl on Larceny Charge.

Bicycle Sergeant Wilson of the police force caused the arrest yesterday of his servant girl on a charge of larceny. She was taken to the eighth precinct station and was there locked up until tomorrow, when she will explain her conduct to Judge Kimball.

She gave her name as Norinne Bins.

Sergeant Wilson said that the girl has been working at her home, 435 French street northwest, for about a month, and during that time many little articles disappeared. Yesterday two kitchen curtains were missed. Sergeant Wilson and Precinct Detective Burlingame of the eighth precinct shadowed the girl, and when she hurried through Vermont avenue with a bundle on her arm they took her into custody. It is claimed that the package contained the two curtains and some other property belonging to Sergeant Wilson.

Piers Near Long Bridge for Railway Elevation Completed.

The piers for the railway bridges which will span the street running from 14th street to Water street, near the Long bridge entrance, when the railway improvements at the foot of 14th street are completed have been finished, and the workmen are employed in filling in the deep excavations in which they were built. It is stated the construction of the new bridge will be started within the next few weeks and will be completed in a short time after the work on them is begun. Over these bridges all trains to and from the south will pass, and the grade crossing at the foot of 13th street will be done away with.

The new bridges, it is said, will be about fifteen feet above the street level and will give ample room for loaded wagons, which will largely use the new street, to pass under the bridges. The new structures will be of steel and will be supported by stone piers at each end and by two rows of steel columns in the center of the bridge.

It is understood that four tracks will be laid on the new bridges to accommodate the increased passenger traffic and the car-shifting work that goes on at this point.

Collision Follows Runaway.

Considerable excitement was caused late yesterday afternoon on Pennsylvania avenue northwest, near the corner of 6th street, when the horse attached to a wagon of the Industrial Home, and driven by George Lauterback of 119 Pennsylvania avenue, became frightened and ran away. In front of 470 Pennsylvania avenue northwest it collided with a carriage owned by William Chase, colored, of 2124 Pennsylvania avenue, and the rear wheel of Chase's vehicle was broken. No one was injured, and the wagon to which the runaway was attached escaped damage.

Bansack the Garret.

You will doubtless find pieces of furniture, draperies, etc., that you are not using that you can exchange for something you can use. Advertise your offer in the "Trade" column of Sunday's Star. It is a word.